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SUBJECT: NATO STUDY OF ECONOMIC ISSUES

1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO COMPLETE SPC DISCUSSIONS OF THE U.S.-INITIATED STUDY OF POLITICAL/ STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC SITUATION IN TIME TO HAVE AVAILABLE AS BACKGROUND PAPER FOR FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT MEETINGS.

2. STUDY'S TEMPERATE CONCLUSIONS WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKDROP FOR DISCUSSION BY ALLIED LEADERS OF CONTINUING ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES FACING THE ALLIANCE. IF RESULTS OF STUDY NOT AVAILABLE BY THE END OF MAY, THESE RESULTS MAY BE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AS WESTERN ECONOMIES REFLATE.

3. REQUEST MISSION RECONSIDER TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERATION
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OF STUDY IN LIGHT OF ABOVE COMMENTS. IF ACCEPTABLE TO

ALLIES, MISSION MIGHT CONSIDER PROPOSING THAT EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS IN DEPTH ON STUDY BE UNDERTAKEN IN NAC,
AND COULD TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING SUMMIT MEETINGS. FOR THE
TIME BEING, WE PREFER TO HOLD OPEN THE QUESTION WHETHER SUCH
FURTHER CONSIDERATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN REINFORCED NAC
OR AMONG PERMREPS.

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